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Letter dated 13 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I write to convey to you that the State of Qatar is alarmed at the escalation of the level of violence in the Syrian Arab Republic, and at the brutal use of force by regime forces and its loyal militias against the brotherly Syrian people, in particular the current shelling of tens of thousands of civilians in the central city of Homs, who have been for days under siege without water or electricity. Those actions threaten the national unity and territorial integrity of Syria, as well as peace and security in the whole region.

As this is the latest in a series of crimes against humanity, the State of Qatar appeals to the Security Council to take immediate, bold and unified action, according to its mandated responsibility under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, in order to maintain peace and security in the region, stop those crimes and prevent the violence from escalating to a larger scale comparable to cases in which the international community failed to take timely action to prevent civil wars and war crimes.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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